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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application For (Title): IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

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 \boxtimes Formal drawings (Figs. 1-13; 10 sheets) are attached. __ for front page of Publication. ☐ Use Figure _ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith. This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. filed

(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.) \boxtimes

This patent application is assigned to FUJI XEROX CO., LTD.

The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign application No. 2002-248791 filed August 28, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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SMALL ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>
	\$ 375	<u>OR</u>
x 9=	\$	<u>OR</u>
x 42 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
+ 140 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

OMINIO DIVITALE			
RATE	FEE		
1	\$ 750		
x 18	\$		
x 84	\$ 168		
+ 280	\$		
TOTAL	\$ 918		

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